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1. INDOCHINA

IN 4/16 SPEECH BEFORE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEWSPAPER EDITORS,
PRES SAID IF US HAD KEPT PROMISES TO SVN - AS USSR AND
CHINESE DID TO NVN - "WHOLE TRAGEDY" OF INDOCHINA COULD
HAVE BEEN AVOIDED (SUN). WHILE NOT MENTIONING CONGRESS,
PRES USED STRONG LANGUAGE TO CONDEMN US "FAILURE" KEEP
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COMMITMENTS IN SVN (SHABECOFF, NYT). PRES DISCLOSED FOR
FIRST TIME HE HAD ORDERED EVACUATION OF "NONESSENTIAL"
US PERSONNEL IN SVN (KILPATRICK, WP), SAID BELIEVES US
HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY OF SOME SOUTH VIETS (BECKMAN,

CHITRIB). FORD SAID "POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY" WOULD REMAIN IN SVN, DID NOT GIVE NUMBERS SINCE SITUATION TOO FLUID. ADMIN OFFICIALS FEAR TOO EARLY AND DETAILED DISCUSSION OF EVACUATION OF VIETS COULD ERODE GVN CONFIDENCE AND LEAD TO QUICK MIL COLLAPSE (KUMPA, SUN). PRES HINTED US WORKING THROUGH OTHER NATIONS FOR NEGOTIATED C-F WITH NVN TO SAVE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PRO-US VIETS WHO MIGHT BE IN PERIL OF SAIGON FALLS, BUT MADE IT CLEAR NOT IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH NVN (HEALY, NYDN).

WSJ'S KEATLEY NOTES PRES' "ESCALATION OF RHETORIC" IN SAYING CONVINCED THAT 722 MILLION DOLS MORE IN MIL AID CAN STABILIZE SVN SITUATION. POINTS OUT SECSTATE, SECDEF AND GEN WEYAND CLAIMED LESS BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ON DAY BEFORE. CHANCES OF GETTING HILL APPROVAL FOR ADDITIONAL AID IMPROVING, THOUGH PROBABLY MUCH LESS THAN 722 MILLION. ON 200 MILLION DOL EVACUATION FUND UNDER CONSIDERATION, EA'S HABIB TOLD HILL THAT PRES AND SECSTATE ACCEPT CONCEPT OF CONTINGENCY FUND, IF ADEQUATE. "MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE FUNDS ARE NOT CONSIDERED ADEQUATE." ON PRES' SPEECH, NYDN'S GREENE OPINES CONVEYED NOTHING HE HADN'T SAID BEFORE, SPOKE EARNESTLY OF CATASTROPHIC HUMAN TRAGEDY UNFOLDING IN INDOCHINA.

AP NOTES HABIB'S STATEMENT THAT 200 MILLION NOT ADEQUATE, BUT ADMIN MIGHT AGREE ACCEPT HUMANITARIAN AID WITH AUTHORITY USE US TROOPS FOR EVACUATION (NYDN). WEYAND WON SUPPORT OF SOME KEY SAC MEMBERS FOR EXTRA MIL AID TO SVN (CHITRIB). CSM'S HEY REPORTS MANY CONGRESSMEN BELIEVE MIL AID PROPOSAL MUST APPEAR TO BE GOING THROUGH TO ENSURE S VIETS DO NOT TURN ON AMERICANS IN SAIGON IN FRUSTRATION. SUN'S ISAACS IN SAIGON SAYS EMBASSY SURVEYING PERSONNEL LISTS TO DETERMINE WHO WILL GO AS "NONESSENTIAL." ADDS SOURCES SAY EMBASSY WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY ADVISE PRIVATE AMERICANS TO LEAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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IF POSSIBLE. WP'S GETLER/ WILSON SEE VIETS AS HOLDING KEY TO EVACUATION, SINCE IF EITHER N OR S VIETS GO ALL OUT TO STOP EVACUATION OF 175,000 CONSIDERED VULNERABLE, US CONTINGENCY PLANS WONT WORK. WP'S RICH/WILSON QUOTE SECRET SFRC REPORT THAT SAIGON MAY BE STRANGLED AS EARLY AS MAY 1, AND AMB MARTIN RESISTING "DANGEROUSLY OVERDUE" EVACUATION. NYT'S ROSENBAUM QUOTES WEYAND THAT DOD CONSIDERING ESTABLISHING "CORRIDOR" FROM SAIGON TO SEA TO EVACUATE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF VIETS. NYT'S LEWIS QUOTES VC REP IN PARIS THAT US SHOULD IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAW 25,000 US MIL PERSONNEL DISGUISED AS CIVILIANS IN SVN.

VP IN TAIPEI SAYS US HAS SLIPPED IN EYES OF WORLD,
AND US RESPONSE TO DANGER OF CONTINUED COMMUNIST
GAINS, INCLUDING VN, HAS MAKINGS OF POLITICAL ISSUE
IN 1976 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN (SHOGAN, LAT 4/16).
SENS SCHWEIKER, BENTSEN CRITICIZE ROCKY COMMENT, CALL
ON PRES TO REPUDIATE REMARKS (UPI, NYT).

ALMOST ALL PAPERS HEADLINE PP FALL, SURRENDER OF
GKR FORCES, SIHANOUK'S EARLIER C-F PLEA REJECTION.
CAPITAL WELCOMES REBELS WITH WHITE FLAGS, BANNERS

ON MOST BUILDINGS. POWER TO BE TRANSFERRED UNDER
UN AND RED CROSS SUPERVISION (AP, WP). NYT'S SCHANBERG
IN PP DESCRIBES SITUATION BEFORE SURRENDER, NOTES
NO HOPE ANYWHERE IN GKR. SUN'S PARKS FROM MOSCOW
SEES KHIEU SAMPHAN, IENG SARY AS KEY FIGURES IN NEW
REGIME, NOTES REBELS PROMISE PEACE OVER POLITICS.
SUN'S MILLS FINDS US REACTING CALMLY SINCE PP FALL
VIEWED AS INEVITABLE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS (IN USIA
WIRELESS FILE). HOTEL LE PHNOM DECLARED NEUTRAL AREA
BY INT'L RED CROSS TO TREAT WOUNDED (NYT).

GKR DIPLOMATS IN WASHINGTON BITTER ABOUT "WAY THE
U.S. USED US" (APPLE, NYT). NYDN, SAXON (NYT) DO
PIECES ON WAR THAT TURNED CAMBODIA FROM TRANQUIL
NATION TO LAND OF HUNGER, CHAOS (IN USIA WIRELESS
FILE). SUN TRIES ANALYZE DISPARATE FUNK GROUPS,
NOTES INSURGENT MOVEMENT REMAINS SURPRISINGLY
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MYSTERIOUS. NYT'S TREASTER DOES SIMILAR PIECE ON
DIVERSE GROUPS THAT MAKE UP REBEL FORCES (IN USIA
WIRELESS FILE). IRVING TRUST CO IN NY DECLINES
DISCLOSE WHETHER LON NOL OR NATL BANK OF CAMBODIA
KEPT ACCOUNT WITH IT (NYT). SCHANBERG LAUDED BY
NY STATE SENATE FOR DEVOTION TO DUTY (NYT). ADMIN
EXPECTED ANNOUNCE 980 KHMER POLITICAL REFUGEES
WILL BE ADMITTED TO US ON TEMPORARY BASIS (BINDER,
NYT). GKR EMBASSY OFFICIAL AT WASHINGTON SAYS
WILL FURNISH PAPERS NECESSARY TO ALLOW ADOPTION OF
29 CHILDREN WHO ARRIVED WITHOUT LEGAL CLEARANCE
(ROZHON, SUN).

VN AID FUND STALLED IN SFRC; ADMIN CRITICIZES 200
MILLION AS INSUFFICIENT, BUT COMMITTEE BALKS AT
APPROVING EVEN THAT AMOUNT UNTIL US WITHDRAWAL FROM
SVN SPEEDED UP (RICH/LYONS, WP). AID ADMINISTRATOR
SAYS UP TO 1 BILLION NEEDED FOR SVN WAR VICTIMS (WP).
CALIF SENATORS SWAMPED WITH REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE
IN GETTING RELATIVES, FIANCEES, EMPLOYEES OF US
FIRMS OUT OF SVN (HOUSTON, LAT 4/16). US
IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS TEMPORARILY HALT BRINGING

VIET, KHMER CHILDREN TO US BECAUSE OF IRREGULARITIES, LEGAL QUESTIONS (RICHARDS/BECKER, WP). EMERGENCY "SAVE BABIES" COMMITTEE IN HIGH GEAR IN VA, BUT TO DATE HAS NOT SAVED ANY AND NO IMMEDIATE PROSPECT EVER WILL (SHAFFER, WP).

COMMUNISTS CAPTURED 18TH SVN PROV AS PHAN RANG FELL (UPI, NYDN). WAS ISOLATED SOME TIME, CONSIDERED SHAKY (AP, SUN). MIL OBSERVERS BELIEVE LOSS OPENS WAY FOR SIMILAR STRONG ATTACK ON PHAN THIET, THAT

WILL CLEAR GVN FORCES FROM COAST DOWN TO VUNG TAU. FRENCH DIPLOMATS MEET WITH THIEU OPPONENTS PRIVATELY, FOLLOWING PARIS REPORTS GOING TRYING LAY GROUNDWORK FOR POLITICAL SETTLEMENT (MCCOMBS, WP). GVN UNITS AT XUAN LOC FALL BACK AT 2 POINTS (WP). MIL SITUATION THERE APPEARS WORSEN FOR GVN. COMMUNIST GUNNERS HIT BIEN HOA AB, DISRUPT PLANE TRAFFIC (BROWNE, NYT). BUTTERFIELD (NYT) NEAR XUAN LOC UNCLASSIFIED

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RECOUNTS STORY OF RETREAT FROM DEFENSIVE POSITION BY ARVN CAPTAIN IN FACE OF WITHERING ARTILLERY FIRE. NYT'S MIDDLETON SURVEYS MIL SITUATION, OPINES GVN MAY HAVE TO PULL BACK SINCE ARVN CAN'T PLUG ALL GAPS. CHITRIB REPORTS RETREAT FROM XUAN LOC THOUGH TOWN'S RUINS STILL IN GVN HANDS. LAT'S TOUHY IN DELTA (4/16) NOTES ARVN BRACING FOR INCREASED NVA ATTACKS TO TRY CUT HIGHWAY 4 TO SAIGON.

SECGEN REBUTS CRITICISM OF UN STAND, SAYS ACTED FULLY AS POSSIBLE TO ASSIST VIET CIVILIANS (NYT). MANY VIETS LOOK FOR EXIT IN SAIGON, SOME CONTEMPLATE SUICIDE (AP, WP). LAT'S JAMESON ON PHU QUOC ISLAND (4/16) DESCRIBES REFUGEES THERE AS NEW "PRISONERS OF WAR," TELLS OF AMERICAN WHO LEFT LIFE OF EASE TO HELP THEM. CHITRIB'S YATES TELLS OF GRAVEYARD "HOME" FOR OVER THOUSAND KHMER REFUGEES WHO FLED INTO SVN. GLOBE'S STORIN DESCRIBES CERCLE SPORTIF IN SAIGON AS OASIS OF OLD WORLD TRANQUILITY. LAT'S LAMB AT VUNG TAU (4/16) TELLS OF DEPARTURE OF FRENCH RESTAURANT OWNER BECAUSE "C'EST FINI." CSM'S SOUTHERLAND IN SAIGON REPORTS NVA PERMITS ORDINARY CITIZENS GO ABOUT BUSINESS IN OCCUPIED AREAS, BUT FATE OF HIGH-RANKING MIL OFFICERS, CIVIL SERVANTS WHO WERE LED AWAY UNKNOWN. REUTER SAIGON QUOTES VIET BUSINESSMAN WHO JUST SPENT 9 DAYS IN DA NANG THAT LIFE RETURNING TO NORMAL THERE, AND HAS HEARD OF NO MASSACRES.

2. JAPAN

VM AGRIC NAKANO IN WASHINGTON INFORMS GOJ HE AGREED MONDAY TO USDA PROPOSAL THAT JAPAN CONCLUDE LONG-TERM PRIVATE CONTACTS TO ASSURE STABLE SUPPLY OF SOYBEANS, FEEDGRAINS, SIMILAR THOSE BETWEEN US GRAIN DEALERS AND STATE TRADING ORGAN OF POLAND. NAKANO ALSO INFORMED YEUTTER JAPAN WOULD RESUME BEEF IMPORTS SOMETIME AFTER APRIL 20 (JOC - TOKYO).

3. KOREA

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SEVEN US CLERGY STAGE SILENT PROTEST AT AMEMBASSY WEDNESDAY, DEMAND USG CLARIFY INACTION OVER EXECUTION EIGHT SK LEFTISTS LAST WEEK (WP). PROTEST US POLICY ON "DETERIORATION HUMAN RIGHTS IN KOREA" (AP, CHITRIB). WEAR BLACK HOODS, STRAW NOOSE. TWO RC, FIVE PROTESTANT CLERGY SAY MERE EXPRESSION "REGRET" BY DOS INADEQUATE (NYT).

IN NYC 150 AMERICANS, KOREANS (MANY CLERGY) HOLD LUNCHTIME MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR EIGHT OUTSIDE ROK CONGEN WEDNESDAY. MARYKNOLL LEADER READS "LITANY ON HUMAN RIGHTS." SOME DENOUNCE "HANGING OF EIGHT KOREAN PATRIOTS," URGE LISTENERS PROTEST TO USG (NYT).

4. THAILAND

MALCOLM (NYT) IN BANGKOK CITES CHATICHAU PRESS STATEMENT WEDNESDAY THAT ALL CAMBODIAN REFUGEES FLOWN IN BY US MUST LEAVE THAILAND IN 30 DAYS. ALSO SAID ASEAN FMS PLAN MEET KL MAY 13 TO DISCUSS INDOCHINA SITUATION, AND MAY BE FOLLOWED BY MEETING OF FIVE ASEAN CHIEFS OF STATE.

FLETCHER SCHOOL'S SCOTT THOMPSON (IN CSM) OBSERVES PLAYERS LOOK FAMILIAR AFTER THAILAND'S FIRST FREE ELECTION -- BUT POLICIES LOOK REMARKABLY DIFFERENT AS KINGDOM RETURNS TO OLD POLICY OF FLEXIBILITY AND ADAPTATION FOR SURVIVAL (USIA WIRELESS FILE 4/17).

5. PHILIPPINES

MARCOS IN SPEECH WEDNESDAY SAYS GOP URGENTLY NEEDS UPDATE SECURITY, ECONOMIC ARRANGEMENTS WITH US IN VIEW DISTURBANCE TO ASIA BALANCE OF POWER BY INDOCHINA EVENTS, AND CONGRESSIONAL REFUSAL PROVIDE MIL AID FOR CAMBODIA, VN. SAYS "ONLY WAY TO INSURE OUR SECURITY SURVIVAL" IS SEEK CLOSER TIES WITH SOCIALIST STATES (AP, NYT).

WP'S OBERDORFER IN MANILA CITES SPEECH, NOTES MARCOS

SUGGESTS US BASES MAY BE GREATER LIABILITY THAN ASSET
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UNDER NEW CIRCUMSTANCES. SAYS MARCOS POINTED OUT
PRES MAY REASSURE ALLIES BUT VIEW NOT UNIVERSALLY
ACCEPTED BY CONGRESS, PEOPLE, WHO FAVOR RETRENCHMENT
OF US POWER. ADDS MARCOS ASKED VETERAN NEGOTIATOR
EMMANUEL PALAEZ OPEN TALKS WITH US ASAP TO DISCUSS
FUTURE RELATIONSHIP "ON BASIS OF COMPLETE RECIPROCITY
OF INTEREST."

6. MALAYSIA

ASEAN SOURCES IN KL SAY WEDNESDAY MAY CALL SUMMIT MEETING
TO DISCUSS INDOCHINA, COORDINATE POLICIES TO DEAL WITH
WHATEVER NEW GOVTs EMERGE IN PP, SAIGON IF BOTH CAPITALS
FALL TO COMMUNISTS (UPI, WP).

BILL PASSED LOWER HOUSE LAST WEEK, INTRODUCED UPPER
HOUSE WEDNESDAY WOULD GIVE PETRONAS EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS
TO MARKET, DISTRIBUTE OIL; WOULD REQUIRE EXXON, CALTEX,
OTHER OIL FIRMS ISSUE NEW "MANAGEMENT SHARES" TO PETRONAS
(WSJ).

7. AUSTRALIA

DOD SPOKESMAN WEDNESDAY DENIES AUSSIE ALLEGATION US
CONVICTS KILLED IN POISON GAS TEST, SAYS SUCH TESTS
"COMPLETELY CONTRARY TO AMERICAN POLICY, THEN OR NOW"
(WP).

JOC (LONDON) CITES REPORT BY CREAM ON WEEK-LONG TRADE
TALKS WITH CHINESE IN CANBERRA; SAYS AUSTRALIA TESTING
CRUDE OIL SAMPLES FROM CHINA.

8. CHINA

PRES TOLD ASNE LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY WILL VISIT PEKING
"THIS FALL," BUT NOT HOW MIGHT AFFECT US RELATIONS
WITH TAIWAN (SUN). PRES "ANSWERED CAREFULLY" THAT
SENDING VP TO CKS FUNERAL SHOWED "VERY GREAT
IMPORTANCE" US ATTACHES TO RELATIONSHIP WITH
TAIWAN (HEALY, NYDN); AND US IS AND WILL CONTINUE
"CONCERNED" ABOUT THEIR "SECURITY AND STABILITY"
(BECKMAN, CHITRIB). ALSO SAID US HAS GOOD RELATIONS
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WITH PRC.

IN TAIPEI, SEN GOLDWATER BLAMES DEFEAT IN SVN ON
"NO-WIN" POLICIES OF FORMER PRESIDENTS JFK, LBJ

(UPI, CHITRIB). SEES NO REASON FOR RAPPROCHMENT BETWEEN "FREE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN" AND "SLAVED PEOPLE OF CHINA" BECAUSE OF CKS DEATH (WP).

HALLORAN (NYT) REPORTS CKS INTERNMENT AT TAOYUAN. NOTES GRC ANNOUNCEMENT TOMB ONLY "TEMPORARY" UNTIL NATIONALISTS RETAKE MAINLAND; CITES EXPLANATION BY OFFICIAL THAT TO SAY OTHERWISE WOULD BREAK PEOPLE'S MORALE, SHAKE STRUCTURE OF

REGIME, INVALIDATE CONSTITUTION AND JEOPARDIZE "VITAL SECURITY TREATY WITH THE UNITED STATES."

PHOTOS OF CKS FUNERAL MOURNERS IN NYT, CHITRIB.

BILLY GRAHAM, GEN. WEDEMEYER EULOGIZE CKS AT NATL CATHEDRAL MEMORIAL SERVICE IN WASHINGTON WEDNESDAY. MORE THAN 1,100 MOURNERS INCLUDED DEPSEC INGERSOLL, REP ALBERT, W. AVERILL HARRIMAN (WP, NYT).

CSM'S GODSELL VIEWS INDIA'S INITIAL STEPS INCORPORATE SIKKIM AS "NO COINCIDENCE" WITH EVENTS GOING IN FAVOR OF CHINA IN INDOCHINA, AT SOUTHERN END OF GREAT HIMALAYAN POLITICAL, CULTURAL DIVIDE BETWEEN THEM.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. INDOCHINA

NYT RAPS PRES' WEDNESDAY REMARK TO ASNE THAT SVN IN DIFFICULTY BECAUSE PRC/SOVIET MORE FAITHFUL TO THEIR ALLY THAN US TO OURS. SAYS PERFUNCTORY ATTENTION HUMANITARIAN/ECONOMIC AID ISSUES SEEM RECEIVING AT WH MAKE IMPERATIVE CONGRESS EARMARK SPECIFIC APPROPRIATIONS, NOT GIVE ADMIN CONTINGENCY FUNDS.
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IN COMPANION EDIT, NYT IS DISAPPOINTED WITH SIHANOUK'S FIRST REACTION TO GKR SURRENDER (BOTH IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

LAT (APR 16) INSISTS RISK OF SVN BLOODBATH WOULD ONLY BE INCREASED BY PROLONGING BATTLE; COMMENDS CONGRESS FOR TURNING US VN POLICY FROM ARMS TO HUMANITARIAN RELIEF (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NYT'S LEWIS APPLAUDS WAY CONGRESS IS SEEKING TO WORK OUT POLICY, RESPONSIBILITY, LIMITING TRAUMA OF ENDING IN INDOCHINA (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

SUN AND WP TAKE EXCEPTION TO ROCKEFELLER'S COMMENTS, DURING FLIGHT TO TAIWAN, HINTING AT DOMESTIC POLITICAL EFFECT IF DISASTER BEFALLS SOME AMCITS IN SAIGON. SUN ALSO HITS AMB MARTIN'S "IRRESPONSIBLE" REMARKS LAST WEEK THAT WE RENEGED ON PROMISES TO SVN "FOR ALL SORTS OF SPECIOUS REASONS" (BOTH IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NYDN FINDS "ALL TOO ACCURATE" SCHLESINGER WARNING THAT COMMUNISTS, IF VICTORIOUS IN ALL VN, WILL KILL BETWEEN

200,000- ONE MILLION SVIETS. WARNS IF CONGRESS SEALS SVN FATE BY DENYING FURTHER MILITARY AID, THEN REFUSES BRING OUT THREATENED FRIENDS, RESULTING SLAUGHTER WILL HAUNT AMERICAN CONSCIENCE FOR YEARS.

WHAT DEPRESSES ROD MACLEISH (WP) IS SORT OF ADMIN/ CONGRESSIONAL "SUSPICION OF EACH OTHER'S MOTIVES" WHICH GIVES "INELEGANCE" TO PRESENT DISCUSSION OF HOW TO TERMINATE INDOCHINA VENTURE, EVACUATE AMERICANS.

HARSCH (CSM) URGES HASTE IN CONCLUDING INDOCHINA HUMANITARIAN ARRAGEMENTS, FOR HIGH TIME US BEGAN GIVING MORE TIME TO MATTERS OF SERIOUS IMPORTANCE CONCERNING ITS OWN FUTURE AND COMMUNITY OF COUNTRIES IN WHICH IT LIVES (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

GLOBE TAKE ISSUE WITH NEWSDAY CALL ON KISSINGER TO RESIGN; CONTENDS INDOCHINA PROBLEMS CANNOT ALL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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BLAMED ON HAK, SINCE FOUNDATION FOR DISASTER THERE LAID IN '50S. BUT SEES MERIT IN PROPOSALS THAT SECRETARY REVISE HIS ROLE, BECOME MORE OF ADMINISTRATOR, DELEGATE MUCH OF NEGOTIATING TO OTHERS.

CHITRIB REMINDS SVN IS NOT ISRAEL; CHALLENGES ISRAELI DEFMIN REMARK THAT SAIGON'S EXPERIENCE WITH US GUARANTEES SHOWS ISRAEL RIGHT IN REFUSING FURTHER CONCESSIONS TO EGYPT.

PHINQ SUGGESTS PRES COULD HARDLY HAVE REALISTICALLY EXPECTED US UNITY BEHIND HIS 722 MILLION SVN AID REQUEST. URGES ACCEPTING REALITY THAT WHATEVER US MOTIVES FOR ENTERING VN, IT WAS ALWAYS BEYOND OUR CONTROL (APR 13).

BUSINESS WEEK (APR 21) ARGUES THAT INSTEAD OF ENGAGING IN MINDLESS QUARREL OVER WHO "LOST" SEA, USG MUST CONCENTRATE ON FOREIGN POLICY ESSENTIALS: PRESERVING STRONG ALLIANCES WITH EUROPE AND JAPAN, PUSHING FOR ME PEACE AND EXPANDING DETENTE WITH SOVIET.

HEARST'S KINGSBURY SMITH, IN ROME, INSISTS US MORAL OBLIGATION TO SVN PEOPLE IS CLEARLY EVIDENT IN "HITHERTO UNPUBLISHED PROMISES" NIXON MADE TO CAJOLE, COERCE THIEU INTO "HASTY ACCEPTANCE" OF VN PEACE AGREEMENT (BALT NA, APR 16).

HUMAN EVENTS (APR 12) INTERVIEWS SIR ROBERT THOMPSON, WHO DECLARES US CONGRESS "ABSOLUTELY TO BLAME"

FOR SVN PLIGHT.

SUN'S ISAACS, IN SAIGON, RECOUNTS "FIVE YEARS OF AGONY" AS CAMBODIA "WENT TO WAR, PLUNGED INTO DISASTER" (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NYT CARRIES OP-ED ARTICLE BY GEN. NGUYEN KHANH SAYING VN PEACE MUST BE "VIETNAMIZED" (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). KISSINGER
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